

February 11, 1992 LB 421, 519, 725, 791, 922, 987, 1019, 1058
1067, 1090, 1099, 1111, 1138, 1236, 1278

And, Mr. President, your Committee on Education whose Chair is Senator Withem reports LB 1090 as indefinitely postponed. That is signed by Senator Withem. Transportation Committee reports LB 1067 to General File; LB 519 indefinitely postponed; LB 1111 indefinitely postponed, signed by Senator Kristensen. Health Committee reports LB 1278 to General File; LB 725 to General File with amendments; LB 987 General File with amendments; LB 1019, LB 1099, LB 1138, LB 1236, all to General File with committee amendments; LB 421 indefinitely postponed; LB 791 indefinitely postponed and LB 1058 indefinitely postponed. (See pages 782-85 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Move to the 1992 Senator priority bills on General File, LB 922, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 922 was a bill introduced by Senators Chambers, Landis, Schimek and Nelson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8 of this year, referred to Education, advanced to General File.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it's almost, well, I won't use too strong a word, I'll say coincidental that this bill would come up this morning because I was just in courtroom number two, down the hall, because they are having a hearing on Judge Coady who had used racial slurs from the bench during a court proceeding. There are instances throughout Nebraska and this country where great insensitivity is shown to people of different ethnic and racial groups. The purpose of this bill is to try to do in an educational setting what we all say it is that we want, namely to create an appreciation of and for the culture, the history and the background of other groups and thereby, hopefully, engender some understanding that currently does not exist. When this bill... first of all, to tell you briefly what the bill does, and there is a statement by the committee which sums it up. It would require schools in the state to create their own courses in multicultural education. There would be assistance from the State Department of Education and then after this has been done there would be a monitoring by the department to make sure that such education is being given and certification or accreditation is based upon the success of these programs. Now to tell you a bit about the hearing, if you look at the sheet that was put out